

BELGIUM BLED FOR HALF BILLION DOLLARS BY UNSPEAKABLE HUN

(Correspondence Associated Press)
PARIS, Aug. 20.—Germany has exacted war contributions from Belgium during the first four years of the war amounting to a total of \$600,000,000. This is in addition to the vast amount of machinery, materials and men taken from Belgium to sustain Germany.

In this fifth year of war it is interesting to review the "financial activities" of the Germans in Belgium since that fateful day in Belgium's history, August 20, 1914, when the German hordes entered Brussels.

During that month, as the German armies were hacking their way through the little kingdom, numerous towns and cities were "fined" and war contributions were levied from each province as the Germans progressed southwestward.

The first move of the German staff when entering a town was to proceed to the city hall and announce to the burgomaster that for resisting the advance of the Emperor William's armies, his city or town had been fined so many thousand or million francs, as the case might be. When the burgomaster would remonstrate, uh-hahs and death's head hussars would appear innocently in city hall square or the burgomaster would be taken prisoner.

In one instance in the province of Liege the German commander of the company entering the town informed the burgomaster that a war contribution of 100,000 francs would have to be forthcoming within two hours. The burgomaster demurred. Never in the history of the little town had there been so much money in the city treasury. At the present moment, there was only a little over three thousand francs in the strong box.

"Well, we'll take that," calmly responded the German.

More than 200,000,000 francs were thus levied between August and November, 1914.

Then Field Marshal Baron von der Goltz-Pasha decreed that Belgium would have to pay a monthly contribution of 40,000,000 francs during one year and it would not be increased and that it would not be renewed. The Pasha decree, however, proved to be but another scrap of paper.

In November, 1915, Baron von Bissing called upon the councils of the nine Belgian provinces to meet and informed them that the promise of his predecessor had been made in good faith but with the implied condition that war would be ended within the year and that he saw no alternative but that to renew the monthly contribution of 40,000,000 francs for another year.

On the 20th of November, 1916, instead of abolishing the onerous tax on Belgium, von Bissing decided that, owing to the duration of the war, the increase in prices—high cost of living—he would have to increase the

monthly payments to 50,000,000 francs. He added ominously, "temporarily."

It proved to be so, indeed, for, on the 21st of May, 1917, the contribution was further raised to 60,000,000 francs.

The flow of francs into the coffers of the "war lord" was too small to satisfy the gargantuan appetites of the military men, however, and on the 12th of September, 1916, they "seized" 430,000,000 marks, constituting all the deposits in German bills of the Banque Nationale and the Societe Generale de Belgique, the two largest banks in Belgium.

When one of the directors of the Societe Generale refused to divulge that part of the combination of the vaults which he alone knew and without which the vaults could not be opened, the Germans said that they would blow them open with high explosives. The director rather than have the vaults of the institution wrecked decided to acquiesce. Thus what will probably go down as the greatest burglary of modern times was perpetrated.

BOARD OF WOMEN TO TRAIN MEN FOR OUR FOREIGN SERVICE

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Men and women prominent in public life, business and education have answered a call to become members of an advisory council to aid in determining how American universities, colleges and schools shall meet the needs of the government and business for trained men to engage in foreign service. The council is national-wide in its representation.

First steps toward the organization were taken in December, 1915, when Dr. P. P. Claxton, the commissioner of education for the United States called a conference to discuss the educational program. With America fast becoming of greater importance in foreign trade, it was regarded opportune that attention be given toward training Americans for the service.

Glen Levin Swigart, specialist in commercial education for the bureau

WRESTLING CHAMPION TRAINING FOR NAVY

(By Associated Press)
GREAT LAKES, Ill., Sept. 5.—Joe Stecher, former world's wrestling champion, camouflaged behind a navy swab and an extra large size of legging as a rookie seaman at the Great Lakes training station, proposes an army-navy wrestling championship match between himself and Ed ("Strangler") Lewis, an instructor at Camp Grant.

When Stecher arrived at the station, it required a minute search of the outfitting room to gather enough and big enough toes to cloth the big fellow according to regulation manner. Joe is second class seaman. He's swabbing the decks of his barracks, shining coffee pots, picking up cigar stubs about the camp and other detail duty in detention.

Two brothers of the famous wrestler already are in this man's navy. Lieutenant Lewis J. Stecher is an Annapolis graduate of 1914 and Anton is also in naval service.

Joe is serious in his proposal to Lewis. Several years ago he and the "Strangler" grappled for five hours without a fall.

Six London (Eng.) firemen are to be trained in smoke helmets at a colliery rescue station.

DELINQUENT SALE NOTICE

UNATILLA TONOPAH MINING COMPANY.—Location of principal place of business and location of works: Tonopah, Nye County, Nevada.

Notice—There are delinquent upon the following described stock, on account of Assessment No. 11, levied on the 12th day of June, 1918, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders, as follows:

| Name | No. Shrs. | Per. Shrs. |
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| John P. Banister | 4021 to | |
| John Breitbach | 4028 | 5000 |
| John Breitbach | 4031 | 1000 |
| John Breitbach | 4034 | 1000 |
| J. S. Broadfoot | 1010 | 500 |
| C. Broadfoot | 1011 | 500 |
| C. Broadfoot | 1012 | 500 |
| M. Buchanan & | 3261 | 1000 |
| Co. | 3292 to 3293 | 2000 |
| E. C. Casson | 1450 | 500 |
| Chisholm & Chapman | 3611 to | |
| A. Conlan | 2407 | 1000 |
| Pat Curley | 2017 to 2019 | 3000 |
| Oscar A. Daube | 2268 | 1000 |
| Frank A. Davis | 270 | 1000 |
| Andrew J. Davis | 3482 | 1000 |
| Fred W. Duffer | 4028 | 5000 |
| O. R. Egan | 2241 | 1000 |
| R. K. Fletcher | 727 | 1000 |
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| P. Grist | 308 | 175 |
| H. H. Hahn | 3091 | 1000 |
| Beatrice May Howell | 3240 | 2000 |
| F. G. Huber | 2167 | 1000 |
| E. Iversen | 3406 | 1000 |
| L. Johns | 3460 | 1000 |
| L. Johns | 3461 | 1000 |
| S. Katta | 3402 | 1000 |
| Frank Ray | 267 | 175 |
| Frank Keenan | 378 | 400 |
| Carl H. Koch | 4014 | 1000 |
| B. F. Martz | 3096 | 1000 |
| Joe Mijuskovich | 3246 to | |
| L. Miller | 3429 | 1000 |
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